

## A Birthday Gift

By LUCY BURCH FORBES

An elderly gentleman traveling in the French province of Brittany stopped one evening at an inn. The landlord's daughter, Lucile, served him at supper, and the traveler the moment he laid his eyes on her was struck with her appearance. Though not beautiful, her face wore a very spiritual expression.

"How old are you, my child?" asked the stranger.

"I'm twenty years old today, monsieur."

"Ah, your birthday?"

"Yes, monsieur."

"I happen here in good time. I must think of a gift for you."

"That is very kind of you, monsieur, but since you are a stranger I would not like to accept a gift from you."

"You might return it with a gift."

"How could I do that, monsieur, since I have not a penny in the world? And since I have nothing I cannot marry Jules, who has nothing, either."

This was said in a trembling voice that told how near the matter was to the girl's heart.

"Well, tomorrow, if you choose, you shall give me something, and later I will return an equivalent."

The maiden wondered at what she could do for so respectable a gentleman, and when the next morning he asked her to send for Jules she hesitated still more. Jules came, and he, too, wondered.

"Take off your shoes," said the gentleman to the girl.

She obeyed, and when he looked at her shapely feet and round toes he expressed satisfaction. The three were in an arbor hung with purple grapes, for it was the autumn.

The stranger placed the girl in a corner, where she leaned back against the vines, bunches of fruit hanging near her. He placed Jules beside her with an arm around her and told him to look steadily into her face. Then, opening a box of sketching materials, he proceeded to transfer the figures to a canvas he set up on an easel. When the painting was completed the artist said:

"Now I am ready to pay you your fee as models. I leave you to choose whether it shall be a franc for each of you for every sitting or half the value of the picture."

The lovers consulted and, being sadly in want of money in hand, decided to take the 5 francs each for the five sittings.

"Very well," said the artist, handing them 10 francs. "As for the birthday present, that will come in time."

The same day he departed, and the lovers wondered if they should ever hear from him again.

One day a letter came from the artist inclosing two tickets on the railway to Paris and inviting Jules and Lucile to come to Paris and be his guests for a few days. Then Jules looked foolish, and Lucile clasped her hands with delight, declaring that she had believed all the while that the stranger would send the birthday gift, but she had never dreamed it would be anything so nice as a trip to the capital.

She wrote, as the donor had requested in his letter, the day and hour of their arrival, and a servant met them and drove them to their destination, the stranger's studio, which they found a beautiful place, containing many works of art. The stranger welcomed them with a smile and sent an attendant to drive them about the city and show them the sights.

When they had thus passed several enjoyable days the artist got into the carriage with them, and they were driven to a building in which was a large gallery of pictures. After showing them some of the paintings he led them into a room where they saw themselves in the arbor among the clustering grapes. But the canvas was now bordered by a heavy gilt frame that added much to its beauty. Jules, who, having lived in Brittany, where artists often go for subjects, knew some artists by name and looked in the corner of the picture for that of the painter. Then he looked up into the artist's face.

"Ah, monsieur," he exclaimed, "can it be that you are the great Bouguereau?"

"I am Bouguereau," was the reply.

Lucile, who had heard artists stopping at her father's inn speak of this wonderful painter who depicted barefooted young women and little children with such marvelous flesh tints, looked up at the artist, smiling through moist eyes.

"Oh, monsieur," she said, "what a pleasure it was in you to offer us half the value of this picture instead of our fee as models! What would you have done had we accepted your offer?"

"It would have made no difference," replied the painter, "since it would then have been your fee instead of your birthday gift."

Taking out a pocketbook, he took from it and handed to Lucile a check for 8,000 francs.

It required time for the lovers to comprehend that this was a payment of money to them. They stared at the artist in silence.

"Go home, my children. This will serve as a small dowry for you, Lucile. You have earned it. Before I met you I had gone through the whole of Brittany to find—what—such perfect feet as yours."

**FORD'S TRIAL BEGINS.**

He Is Charged with Shooting Mrs. Wagner to Death.

Camden, N. J., Oct. 15.—The case of Charles Ford, who on March 14 last shot to death Mrs. Effie Wagner at her home at Laurel Springs, was called for trial yesterday before Supreme Court Judge Garrison.

## HIGH LIVING AND POOR NOURISHMENT

When your food does not nourish you, the blood is thin or impure. Unless the blood is pure, assimilation, the final step of digestion, is imperfectly done and the body poorly nourished. Every day instances of lack of nourishment because of thin or impure blood are seen in children, who eat almost continually yet do not grow; in convalescents from the grip, fever, or some other serious disease, who remain pale, weak and debilitated; in persons who are run down through overwork or worry and are unable to get back their strength.

Before the body can be properly nourished, the blood must first be cleansed, built up and made fit to work. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will do this more quickly and effectively than any other medicine. They contain the very elements which the thin blood lacks. Not only do they strengthen the stomach but they build up the blood so that it gets full nourishment from the food.

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"I had begun to despair of getting well until I gave Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. Before I had taken the pills a month I felt much better, both mentally and physically. My nerves became stronger, my heart action was more steady and the distressing symptoms were lessened. My appetite increased and I soon became well and strong. Since using the pills I have regained my weight. I can truthfully say that I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the very best medicine any person suffering as I did, can take."

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**PITTSBURGH BIG FUEL CONSUMER.**

Burns Up Nearly as Much Coal as Greater New York.

More fuel is consumed in the city of Pittsburgh and its immediate vicinity, and more coal is shipped to and through the Pittsburgh district, than in any other district in the world, according to Edward W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey. With a population of about one-ninth of that of Greater New York the consumption of coal alone in Pittsburgh is nearly equal to that of the much larger city. Greater New York consumed in 1911 approximately 19,000,000 short tons and Pittsburgh used about 16,500,000 short tons. But Pittsburgh consumes several million tons of coke and considerable quantities of natural gas, which, added to the coal consumption, gives that city a good lead over New York as a fuel consumer.

In the quantity of coal handled the comparisons are still more striking. Pittsburgh's business exceeding that of New York by nearly 50 per cent. In 1911 the total coal traffic in New York harbor, including the city consumption, the transshipments to New England and up-river points, and the bunker and export trade, amounted to approximately 36,000,000 short tons, whereas the coal traffic of Pittsburgh, including rail shipments east and rail and water shipments west, amounted to nearly 53,000,000 tons.

In the total movement of coal to Pittsburgh and points east and west thereof there was an increase in 1911 of 1,974,795 tons over 1910, all of the increase being in the shipments through or from the district. On account of the depression in the iron trade the local consumption of coal at Pittsburgh decreased about 1,250,000 tons, or from 15,000,000 tons in 1910 to 14,349,644 tons in 1911. The rail shipments of Pittsburgh decreased about 1,000,000 tons and the water shipments about 250,000 tons. The decrease in the consumption of coke was, of course, much larger. The movements of coal both east and west, however, showed increases, western shipments increasing from 24,453,581 tons to 25,291,264 tons, all in water shipments to lower Mississippi river points, and eastern shipments, all rail, increasing from 10,781,451 tons to 13,169,866 tons. The water shipments were the largest since 1907.

It is said that a bit of bluing added to the soap suds in which glassware is washed makes the articles clear and sparkling.

**The Quickest, Simplest Cough Cure**

Easily and Cheaply Made at Home. Saves You \$2.

This recipe makes a pint of cough syrup—enough to last a family a long time. You couldn't buy as much or as good cough syrup for \$2.50.

Simple as it is, it gives almost instant relief and usually stops the most obstinate cough in 24 hours. This is partly due to the fact that it is slightly laxative, stimulates the appetite and has an excellent tonic effect. It is pleasant to take—children like it. An excellent remedy, too, for whooping cough, croup, sore lungs, asthma, throat troubles, etc.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with 1½ pint of warm water, and stir for 2 minutes. Put 2½ ounces of Pinex (fifty cents worth) in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. It keeps perfectly. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

Pinex is one of the oldest and best known remedial agents for the throat membranes. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, and is rich in quinine and all the other natural healing elements. Other preparations will not work in this formula.

The prompt results from this recipe have endeared it to thousands of housewives in the United States and Canada, which explains why the plan has been imitated often, but never successfully.

A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this recipe. Your druggist has Pinex, or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

## TAFT GAINING IN ILLINOIS

New Impetus by Deneen's Open Support.

PROFITS BY TARIFF ARGUMENT

Wide Claims by the Bull Moose Leaders—The Great Chief Has a Day of Rest in Chicago.

New York, Oct. 15.—Taft stock, which has been rising in Illinois, gains a new impetus from the definite enlistment of Governor Deneen, who by his declaration of loyalty to the Republican party has become an active member of the Annapolis club. Colonel Roosevelt's tariff argument undoubtedly is helping the president, and it is believed that Mr. Taft has an even chance of carrying the state. The third termers are industriously staking claims in nearly all states of the west, but with little hope of securing any crop before 1916.

There was no change in the membership of the Annapolis club yesterday; Colonel Roosevelt's voice was not in condition to confer the degree; the muscles of his throat are so sore that he has cancelled his speeches in northern Indiana and Illinois.

Governor Wilson's campaign managers have received so many requests for speeches by the candidate for the presidency that he is forced to take a day off while they adjust the supply and demand. He will speak every week until election day. The last three days of this week will be spent in Delaware and West Virginia.

**WILSON'S FUND \$208,000.**

This Contributed in Behalf of Nomination.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Upwards of \$400,000 was expended in the efforts of Gov. Wilson, Gov. Harmon and Oscar Underwood to secure the Democratic presidential nomination this year according to testimony yesterday presented to the Senate campaign contribution committee.

William F. McCoombs, who managed the Wilson campaign and his aide, William MacAdoo, accounted for \$208,193. Of this sum \$85,800 was contributed, according to McCoombs by "Cleveland S. Dodge and Princeton friends."

Questioning developed that the friends were Cyrus McCormick of the International Harvester company and several others who McCoombs said were trustees of Princeton when Gov. Wilson was president.

Of about \$150,000 expended in the interests of Harmon, Hugh Nichols, lieutenant governor of that state, told the committee that \$77,000 was contributed by Thomas Fortune Ryan. Ryan also supplied \$35,000 of the \$52,000 collected for Underwood's candidacy.

Ryan will be a witness this week.

Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for president in 1904, gave the committee his basis for the charge made on the stump in that campaign that financial "interests" had organized a committee to secure funds for and give support to the Republican ticket. He said that the late Col. Daniel Lamont gave him the information.

**BARS RAILWAYS FROM EXPRESS INVESTIGATION**

Commerce Commission to Complete Schedules and Give Companies 30 Days to Complete Estimates of Effect.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The interstate commerce commission yesterday denied the application of the railroads to become interveners in the express rate case. The commission will complete its proposed schedule of rates and after formally serving the completed schedules upon the companies, give them thirty days in which to make an estimate of their effect upon the actual business of a specified period and report that estimate to the commission.

**IDENTIFY "DYNAMITE" CHECKS.**

Bookkeeper for McNamara Testifies to Payments for Explosives.

Indianapolis, Oct. 15.—Checks by which the government charges the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers allowed J. J. McNamara \$1,000 a month to buy explosives for "emergency fund." Questioned by Senator J. W. Kern, for the defense, Mrs. Hull said President Ryan often was out of the city and blank checks were sent him to sign. "As a matter of fact, you don't know that President Ryan ever received the letters or signed the checks forwarded to him, do you?" asked Mr. Kern.

"No, except that they were sent through the mail and replies were received," said Mrs. Hull.

**FAIR THE FIRST OF THE WEEK.**

Except in Southeastern States, Where Rainy Weather Will Prevail.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Unsettled, rainy weather throughout the Gulf and south Atlantic states during the first part of the week is predicted by the weather bureau as a result of reports of a tropical storm now entering the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean sea.

"Elsewhere over the country the weather will be fair during the next several days," says the weekly bulletin, "although a disturbance of moderate intensity, attended by local areas of precipitation, will develop over the far west Tuesday or Wednesday, across the middle west about Thursday and the eastern states Friday."

"Seasonable temperatures will prevail until after the passage of this disturbance, when a change to considerably lower temperatures is probable over much of the country."

## WISCONSIN WOMAN'S FORTUNE

Freed From Pain, Weakness, Terrible Backache and Despair by Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.

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Women who are suffering from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of these facts or doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

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If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

**HARDIE WARNS OF "BULL MOOSE"**

Scotch Socialist Says Third Party Movement Will Not Last.

New York, Oct. 15.—J. Keir Hardie, chairman of the Labor party in the British House of Commons, lectured under the auspices of the Inter-collegiate Socialist society in Carnegie hall on "Socialism and the Progressive Movement Here and in England." Mr. Hardie pointed out the dangers to Socialists of the 21 Socialist planks in the Bull Moose platform and advised voters not to be lured into a party which would never have a chance to carry out its pledges.

One of Keir Hardie's objects in coming to America was to preach harmony between the Socialists and the trades unionists. Mr. Hardie tried to show that the success of the combination in England, where 441 leaders of the Labor party had seats in the lower house, could only be duplicated in this country by following England's example.

"The Bull Moose party," Mr. Hardie said, "is proving wonderfully that there exists in the other two parties a great number of men who are sick of the corruption of party politics, and who want to get into a new party to start all over again. It is a laudable desire."

"I'm not a prophet, nor even a son of a prophet, but I venture the prediction that the new party will go the way of other third parties. Its money comes from the same source."

"If you want social reforms, don't vote for the Bull Moose party and their social reforms. Vote for the Socialist party, and then you will get social reform."

**ARCHBOLD MUST APPEAR.**

Summoned to Show Cause for Disregarding Subpoena in Standard Oil Litigation.

New York, Oct. 15.—John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was served with an order to-day to show cause in the Supreme Court on Oct. 17, why he should not obey a subpoena recently served on him demanding his presence at the hearings in the Standard Oil-Waters-Pierce litigation. Mr. Archbold was subpoenaed the day he returned from Europe, but never put in an appearance at the hearing.

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**WHOLE GUIDE TO FORTUNE.**

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The ambergris weighed 52 pounds. The finders took it to Seward, where it was valued at \$40 an ounce.

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**Care of a Silk Umbrella.**

A silk umbrella seldom receives the proper care, and consequently is usually disappointing in its wear. A soft silk wears the best, with a carved natural wood handle, although silver, gold, ivory, Dresden china, etc., are all used. A steel frame is lighter to carry and admits of a closer roll. When carrying your umbrella on the street not in use, keep it furled; if hanging in your closet, keep its case on. In fact, it presents a very neat appearance if the case is on when it is carried. To furl, grasp the stick in the right hand, shake out the folds, wrap them closely around the stick, beginning at the lower end, and smooth as they are wrapped around the stick, then fasten with the silk band and slip on the cover.

When coming in with an umbrella, wipe off the handle and the ferrule, and furl the silk sections. If the silk gets a spot on it, remove it with a silk rag, warm water and soap. Clean a gold or silver handle with whiting, wash a china handle in warm soap suds, rub up a wooden handle with a very slightly oily rag.

A good way to mend a silk umbrella is to wet a piece of black court plaster and fasten it to the silk just under the tear and let it dry. It is a much more satisfactory procedure than darning. It closes the hole and there are no stitches showing.

**An Autumn Luncheon.**

A cool month, with wild flowers in abundance to afford floral decorations, and nearly everyone home from her vacation! What more can the entertaining hostess wish?

September is a delightful time to invite your favorites to lunch with you. It is still in the holiday season and, therefore, half formal, which generally means that there is less trouble for the hostess.

When you send out your invitations, put a little handwork in color at the upper left-hand corner of the correspondence cards or the note paper. A small circular sketch will do for a suggestion. Trace it upon your stationery and color in blue, pink or lavender that you find in the wild asters growing on the roadside. To carry out the idea, gather bunches of these small flowers and place in huge bowls on the porch, in the room or on the table.

Your place cards are hinted at, also. The goldenrod, always effective, is very easily made. On a circular card, which

## PEACE TREATY IS SIGNED

News of Italian-Turkish Compact Confirmed

IN A BERLIN DESPATCH

Conclusion of Peace May Facilitate a Settlement of Present Troubles in the Balkans, or It May Only Precipitate Hostilities.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—That Turkey and Italy have signed a treaty of peace was definitely confirmed yesterday.

It was taken for granted here that Turkey surrenders Tripoli and Cyrenia to Italy, the sultan retaining spiritual authority over Mohammedans there; that nominal control over the Turkish islands Italy has seized will again be conceded to the sultan, but that they really will be governed practically as the powers may direct, and that Italy will pay a substantial indemnity to Turkey for its lost territory.

Diplomats have agreed that while the conclusion of peace between Turkey and Italy probably will facilitate a settlement of the present troubles in the Balkans, it may only precipitate hostilities.

**HAVE CONVICT IN CANYON TRAP**

The Governor of Wyoming Takes Charge of the Penitentiary Situation.

Rawlins, Wyo., Oct. 15.—Armed with shot guns, rifles, revolvers, cleavers and butcher knives, a half dozen or more dangerous criminals were said to be trapped in a canyon just south of Rawlins early yesterday.

A battle between these men and the posse of a hundred who camped on their trail in the hills throughout the night, was expected momentarily.

The men in hiding were among the dozen or more convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary here Sunday afternoon.

Quiet was restored Sunday night in the penitentiary, where a battle raged all day between armed convicts and the prison guards, whose numbers had been depleted by the sending out of posers in search of the prisoners freed by two successive deliveries.

So far as known, two men were killed Sunday. Charles Strenner, a barber, and Antonio Pazo, leader of the convicts.

**MRS. WILSON NO SPENDTHRIFT.**

Candidate's Wife Prides Herself on Her Economy in Gowns.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was exceedingly provoked yesterday at a published report that on a shopping trip to Philadelphia she had spent several hundred dollars for an elaborate outfit of clothing for the winter season. To correct the report, she issued a statement denying it and saying that since it seemed that her private affairs must be publicly discussed, she had decided to give a list of her purchases.

Following is the list: Two ready-made gowns, one hat, one chiffon waist, material to repair two old gowns, and two pairs of gloves; total cost, \$140.84.

Mrs. Wilson said she had always prided herself on her economy in expenditures for dress and was particularly displeased by the erroneous report on that account.

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## Healthy Old Age Is What Dr. Hartman Advocates



S. B. HARTMAN, M.D.

See here, young man, I heard you complaining the other day of being nervous, sleepless, brain fagged, and the like. A young man, hardly in the zenith of your life, complaining of such things!

And this is very common, too. You are not the only one. Probably three out of four of the young men of to-day have some such symptoms as you describe. What does it